of the Department of Commerce to promote and administer programs in the public and private sectors to assist the development of minority business enterprises, to ensure that such Agency has the necessary supporting resources, particularly during economic downturns, and for other purposes.

S. 1325

At the request of Mrs. BLACKBURN, the name of the Senator from Kentucky (Mr. PAUL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1325, a bill to ensure that women seeking an abortion are informed of the medical risks associated with the abortion procedure and the major developmental characteristics of the unborn child, before giving their informed consent to receive an abortion.

S. 1378

At the request of Ms. Collins, the names of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. Carper) and the Senator from Illinois (Ms. Duckworth) were added as cosponsors of S. 1378, a bill to amend the Animal Welfare Act to allow for the retirement of certain animals used in Federal research, and for other purposes.

S. 1446

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the name of the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. BOOZMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1446, a bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to submit to Congress a plan for obligating and expending Coronavirus pandemic funding made available to the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

S. 1482

At the request of Mr. BRAUN, the name of the Senator from Wyoming (Ms. LUMMIS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1482, a bill to increase Government accountability for administrative actions by reinvigorating administrative Pay-As-You-Go.

S. 1511

At the request of Mr. Grassley, the name of the Senator from Nevada (Ms. Cortez Masto) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1511, a bill to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 with respect to payments to certain public safety officers who have become permanently and totally disabled as a result of personal injuries sustain in the line of duty, and for other purposes.

S. 1555

At the request of Mr. Marshall, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. Lankford) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1555, a bill to shorten the extension, and the amount, of Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation in order to get Americans back to work.

S. 1558

At the request of Mr. Blumenthal, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. Klobuchar) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1558, a bill to amend chapter 44 of title 18, United States

Code, to ensure that all firearms are traceable, and for other purposes.

S. 1599

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the names of the Senator from Tennessee (Mr. HAGERTY), the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. SCOTT) and the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAPO) were added as cosponsors of S. 1599, a bill to protect law enforcement officers, and for other purposes.

S. CON. RES. 9

At the request of Mr. Barrasso, the name of the Senator from Alaska (Mr. Sullivan) was added as a cosponsor of S. Con. Res. 9, a concurrent resolution supporting the Local Radio Freedom Act.

S. RES. 188

At the request of Mr. Marshall, the name of the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. Scott) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 188, a resolution expressing appreciation and recognition for the Trump Administration for the creation of Operation Warp Speed and the historic development of a COVID-19 vaccine.

S. RES. 207

At the request of Mr. Lee, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. Inhofe) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 207, a resolution designating the week beginning November 8, 2021, as "National Pregnancy Center Week" to recognize the vital role that community-supported pregnancy centers play in saving lives and serving women and men faced with difficult pregnancy decisions.

SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS

SENATE RESOLUTION 217—DESIGNATING THE WEEK OF MAY 16 THROUGH MAY 22, 2021, AS "NATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS WEEK"

Mr. INHOFE (for himself, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. CARPER, and Mrs. CAPITO) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 217

Whereas public works infrastructure, facilities, and services are of vital importance to the health, safety, and well-being of the people of the United States;

Whereas public works infrastructure, facilities, and services could not be provided without the dedicated efforts of public works professionals, including engineers and administrators, who represent State and local governments throughout the United States;

Whereas public works professionals design, build, operate, and maintain the transportation systems, water infrastructure, sewage and refuse disposal systems, public buildings, sanitation and waste management systems, and other structures and facilities that are vital to the people and communities of the United States;

Whereas public works professionals have played, and will continue to play, a key role in helping the United States recover from the COVID-19 pandemic; and

Whereas understanding the role that public infrastructure plays in protecting the environment, improving public health and safe-

ty, contributing to economic vitality, and enhancing the quality of life of every community of the United States is in the interest of the people of the United States: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate-

- (1) designates the week of May 16 through May 22, 2021, as "National Public Works Week":
- (2) recognizes and celebrates the important contributions that public works professionals make every day to improve—
- (A) the public infrastructure of the United States; and
- (B) the communities that public works professionals serve; and
- (3) urges individuals and communities throughout the United States to join with representatives of the Federal Government and the American Public Works Association in activities and ceremonies that are designed—
- (A) to pay tribute to the public works professionals of the United States; and
- (B) to recognize the substantial contributions that public works professionals make to the United States.

SENATE RESOLUTION 218—RECOGNIZING NATIONAL FOSTER CARE MONTH AS AN OPPORTUNITY TO RAISE AWARENESS ABOUT THE CHALLENGES OF CHILDREN IN THE FOSTER CARE SYSTEM, AND ENCOURAGING CONGRESS TO IMPLEMENT POLICIES TO IMPROVE THE LIVES OF CHILDREN IN THE FOSTER CARE SYSTEM

Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. KAINE, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. WARNOCK, Ms. ERNST, Ms. ROSEN, Ms. HASSAN, Mr. WYDEN, Mrs. CAPITO, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. CASEY, Mr. BROWN, Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina, Mr. MARSHALL, Mr. BLUNT, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. COONS, and Mr. YOUNG) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 218

Whereas National Foster Care Month was established more than 30 years ago—

(1) to bring foster care issues to the forefront of the national focus;

(2) to highlight the importance of permanency for every child; and

(3) to recognize the essential role that foster parents, social workers, and advocates have in the lives of children in foster care throughout the United States;

Whereas all children deserve a safe, loving, and permanent home;

Whereas the primary goal of the foster care system is to ensure the safety and well-being of children while working to provide a safe, loving, and permanent home for each child;

Whereas there are approximately 424,000 children living in foster care;

Whereas there were approximately 251,000 youth that entered the foster care system in 2019, while more than 122,000 youth were awaiting adoption at the end of 2019;

Whereas more than 86,000 children entered foster care in 2019 due to parental drug abuse:

Whereas children of color are more likely to stay in the foster care system for longer periods of time and are less likely to be reunited with their biological families:

Whereas foster parents—

(1) are the front-line caregivers for children who cannot safely remain with their biological parents;